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REMARKS

Examiner Ferris telephoned the undersigned on January 28, 2005, and requested that Applicants, for each application listed in the "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" section, insert whether the application is a "continuation," a "continuation-in-part" or a "divisional" of its parent application. The Examiner also requested that if any of the applications had issued as a patent, that the patent number be indicated. The undersigned indicated that there are two possible definitions of what a continuation-in-part application is, and that Applicants did not want to introduce confusion into the record by using a definition of a continuation-in-part that is different from the definition used by the Patent Office in some circumstances. It was agreed that the definition of a continuation-in-part that would be used in describing applications in the "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" section would be the subject matter definition (that a second application is termed a continuation-in-part application of a first application (the parent) if the second application contains subject matter in addition to the subject matter in the first application, and that this is true regardless of whether or not a claim is present in the second application that is fully supported by the disclosure of the first application).

If the Examiner would like to discuss any aspect of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (925) 621-2115.

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